

## H.Res. 39 - Honoring the contributions of Catholic schools

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### FLOOR SITUATION

H.Res. 39 is expected to be considered on the floor of the House under a motion to suspend the rules. This resolution was introduced by Representative Daniel Lipinski (D-IL) on January 9, 2009.

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### SUMMARY

H.Res. 39 resolves that the House of Representatives supports the goals of Catholic Schools Week, an event co-sponsored by the National Catholic Educational Association and the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops and established to recognize the vital contributions of America's thousands of Catholic elementary and secondary schools; and congratulates Catholic schools, students, parents, and teachers across the Nation for their ongoing contributions to education, and for the key role they play in promoting and ensuring a brighter, stronger future for this Nation.

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### BACKGROUND

Catholic schools play an important role in the American education system. Last year over two million students were enrolled in Catholic schools in the United States. About 25 percent of students enrolled in Catholic schools are minorities and approximately 14 percent are non-Catholics.

The high school graduation rate of Catholic schools is 99 percent, and 80 percent of graduates go on to attend four-year colleges. Another 17 percent of graduates enroll in two-year colleges or technical schools. January 25 to January 31, 2009, has been designated as Catholic Schools Week by the National Catholic Educational Association and the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops.

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